

NRA HP Match Report Cadillac Sportsman's Club August 21-22, 2010

On Saturday 21 August we had 14 Competitors show up to shoot the 80 shot Across the Course match. The weather looked like rain all day but any storms in the area went around Cadillac. By the afternoon it was a bit warm and humid and the wind was calm all day. I always wonder if I should put on an August match but I feel 14 shooters is a good turn out, since a lot of shooters have just finished a week or more shooting the Nationals at Camp Perry. So I guess I will keep the August matches in for next year.

The overall match winner was John Wier shooting a match rifle with a score of 776-20X. John also donated his winnings back to the club, thank you very much John. First High Master was Dan Davis with a score of 772-19X also shooting a match rifle in one of the 6mm wildcats. Bob Elka was giving his M1A a workout as a change from his AR.

Steve Hulst came in first in the combined class of Master and Expert with a score of 758-9x. Steve and his dad Earl shot together, I heard Earl remark that he use to be able to out shoot Steve at one time. Yep Earl, happens to all of us, ever notice the kids don't have much mercy on us either. Steve was also the high Service Rifle shooter. Jeff Schmitigal was second in Master/Expert class with a score of 752-11X .

First in the combined Sharpshooter-Marksman class was Mark Prange with a score of 730-4X. Second in SS/Mks class was Jason Piatek with a score of 699-4X.

Scott Stenman was the first shooter that I can remember to shoot "optical class" at our Across the Course Matches. It was a learning experience for him, really all of us, with the complications of eye relief for the various shooting positions and making sure you have enough elevation in the scope for 200 to 600 yds.

No Junior shooters showed up but that did not surprise me as the usual Junior Shooters had just spent a long time at Camp Perry. Maybe we will see them in September.

At the end of the match we had our usual "Ice Cream Social".

Sunday August 22, 2010 3x600 Mid Range Match Sling and F Class Results:

On Sunday we had 22 shooters. 9 conventional sling shooters, 5 F open shooters and 8 Ftr shooters. Again no rain and not quite as cloudy as Saturday but it was a bit more windy, not terrible but enough that you had to be a bit careful. The targets were also in and out of the shade due to the passing clouds.

We had some pretty close matches. In the High Master class Bob Steketee and Renzo Tormen battled it out. Bob ended up with a 599-34X and Renzo with a 597-32X. Bob was the Match Winner in the Sling match and Renzo was Second overall. Matt Haslem was first in the Master-Expert class with a 583-20X. Paul Childs was first in the Marksman class, we did not have any Sharpshooters.

Dan Davis gave his new 6br bolt gun a work out shooting optical class. By match three Dan had the 6br and the optics figured out shooting a nice score of 197-6x.

In F open Class Ted Webster up from the Washtenaw Club was the winner with a score of 585-23X, followed closely by Terry Scurlock also from the Washtenaw Club with a score of 582-13X. I believe we had 3 or 4 F class shooters come up from the Washtenaw Club.

Finally in Ftr class we had a race where we did not know who the winner would be until the last shot was fired. Al Walewski from the Midland Club took a one point lead over Rich Fast from the Washtenaw Club in match one, 194-5x to 193-6x. Bob Lorenz of Cadillac stayed in play with a 193-4X. In Match two Al Walewski maintained his lead shooting a 193-8X. Rich Fast slipped a bit shooting a 191-6X and Jeff Madison of Cadillac came alive with a 193-4X and Bob Lorenz lost a bit of ground shooting a 190-3x. Harry Harvey from the Alpena area Club came alive with a fine 195-5X in the second match. Harry lost some points to turning his windage knob the wrong way for a couple of shots in match one. Yea who hasn't done that! Dave Wuethrich of the Midland club also came alive in match 2 shooting a 193-1X.

So going into match 3 any one of us could be the F tr match winner. Al Walewski who was in the lead by 3 points was caught by one of the seemingly out of no where weird wind conditions which cost him some points. Al ended up with a 186-3X for match 3. Rich Fast dropped some points to end up with a 190-8X in match 3. Harry Harvey also was caught in some of the same winds and shot a 187-4X. Jeff Madison shot a nice 192-3x in match 3 and Bob Lorenz shot a 195-7X in match three.

So the final outcome for Ftr was; Bob Lorenz of the Cadillac Club with a 578-14x for the Ftr Class win. Second was Jeff Madison of the Cadillac Club with a score of 575-9X and third was Rich Fast of the Washtenaw Club with a score of 574-20X. In fourth place from the Midland Club was Al Walewski with a score of 573-16X. Very nice X counts for Rich and AL. Dave Wuethrich was fifth with a score of 570-9X. Dave claims Jeff and I may have had some 'home range advantage' yea I cannot deny that and maybe the wind was just a bit calmer when we shot on the fourth relay, maybe. Anyway it was a tight match.

Bob Lorenz, Jeff Madison and Dave Wuethrich were all shooting bullets made by a Michigan shooter, Jim Dietlein of Dietlein bullets, I was using Jim's 190 gr bullets, Jeff was using Jim's 168 grain bullets and Dave was using Jim's 155 gr bullets. All made on J4 jackets from Berger. I am using V V N-150 powder, in a Bartlien gain twist barrel on a Quadlock action and 20X Super Sniper scope. Jeff was using a Gilkes Ross action and Stock, Broughton barrel, Reloader 15 powder and a Unertl scope. Dave is using a Savage rifle, Varget powder I think and a Night force scope.

At the end of the match we finished up the ice cream the Across the Course shooters left along with some bought just for the Sunday shooters.

I would like to thank all the shooters both Saturday and Sunday that make the long drive up to the Cadillac Club. I also really appreciate the help I had in setting up the shade canopies on Sunday and the clean up help on both days after the match.

Bob Lorenz
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Up coming matches:

August 28-29 Springfield/Garand match at the Cadillac Club

August 29 3x600 mid range match at the Washtenaw Club by Ypsilanti

Sept. 4 3x600 yd mid range match at the Midland Sportsman's Club

Sept. 11-12 two days of 1000 yd long range matches at Camp Grayling note all 1000 yds

Sept. 18-19 XTC and 3x600 mid range at the Cadillac Sportsman's Club

Sept. 26 3x600 mid range match at the Washtenaw Sportsman's club

I am sure there are also some other local club matches in August and September

Also for you F class shooters the F nationals will be held in Lodi Wisconsin next fall, this is the closest the F nationals come to Michigan. Two of the three days of matches are 1000 yd matches. You may want to consider coming up to Grayling and or the Ohio R.P.A. Camp Perry 1000 yd matches. We could possibly field a couple of F open and F tr Michigan club teams, besides the individual shooting. Remember we have a 1000 yd range in the U.P. too.

Questions about the above matches.....e-mail me and I will try to get you to the right contacts.

I have three new shooters that are looking for some good used F tr shooting equipment, a young lady, a young man and a retiree. .223 and .308 caliber, Rifles, reloading equipment.